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SUBJECT: WINNERS IN THUA THIEN

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1. REFTELS REPORTED 0 CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR 4 THUA THIEN SEATS. OF 183,160 REGISTERED VOTERS 147,268 VOTED.

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2. WINNER WAS NGUYEN NGOC CGHIA WITH 38,714 VOTES OR 24.2 PERCENT. NGHIA IS BEI YEARS OLD, FROM THUA THIEN AND AN ARVN MAJOR. NGHIA IS A BUDDHIST AND HAD ACTIVE SUPPORT OF POGODA

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IN CAMPAIGN. AN ASSOCIATE OF GEN NGUYEN CHANH THI, NGHIA WAS APPOINTED BY THI AS QUANG TIN PROVINCE CHIEF. HIS TOUR IN OFFICE WAS NOTABLE CHIEFLY FOR CORRUPTION, PARTICULARLY INVOLVING LY TIN DISTRICT WHERE CHU LAI BASE WAS CONSTRUCTED. IN 1966 NGHIA WAS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN STRUGGLE MOVEMENT. HE WAS ARRESTED AFTER STRUGGLE FOR BRIEF PERIOD AND THEN WAS ASSIGNED CHIEF OF RD CURRENT AFFAIRS IN CAN THO. HE CAN PROBABLY BE EXPECTED TO BE HOSTILE TO US POSITION IN VIET NAM.

3. SECOND IN RACE WAS VO MANH DONG WITH 35,695 VOTES OR 35,695. DONG IS 34 AND AN ARVN CAPTAIN. DONG WAS SUPPORTED IN RACE BY CATHOLICS, AND HE IS APPARENTLY ABOUT TO CONVERT TO CATHOLIC FAITH. DONG IS THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF VO HUU THU, CA DEPUTY FROM HUE. DONG PROBABLY RECEIVED SOME REPORT FROM ARVN ALSO. ACCORDING TO DEP ADMIN FOR THUA THIEN BAO LOC, WHO IS ALSO AN RDV MEMBER, AT LAST MINUTE HA THUC KY INSTRUCTED RDV TO SUPPORT DONG AS FOURTH CANDIDATE. (ORIGINAL FOURTH

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CANDIDATE HOANG NGOC TANG, HAIRMAN OF PROVINCE COUNCIL WAS ELIMINATED). APPARENTLY THIS WAS DONE IN SPITE OF FACT THAT THU HAS BEEN KICKED OUT OF PARTY BY KY. OTHER BROTHERS SUCH AS VO DAI TON ARE STILL ACTIVE RDV MEMBERS.

4. THIRD IN RACE WAS MRS. TRUONG NGOC THU (AKA KIEU MONG THU) WITH 34,412 VOTES OR 23.3 PERCENT. MRS. THU IS 25 YEARS OLD AND IS MARRIED WITH 3 CHILDREN. HER HUSBAND IS A MR. SAC WHO IS APPARENTLY A DEP PROV CHIEF IN BAC LIEU. SHE WRITES FOR CHANH DAO NEWSPAPER AND IS DAUGHTER OF THICH TAM AN, BEFORE HIS SECLUSION OF COURSE, BA THU IS AN RDV MEMBER AND RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM BOTH RDV AND BUDDHISTS. APPARENTLY AT MEETING OF BQY BONZES UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF THICH DON HAU WHERE OFFICIAL BUDDHIST CANDIDATES WERE CHOSEN, THICH CHANH TRUC, RADICAL LEADER IN HUE, VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED SUPPORTING THU. HOWEVER, LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION AND REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT FROM HO GIAC AND TRI QUANG APPARENTLY STILLED OPPOSITION. BA THU IS ONLY I CORPS BUDDHIST CANDIDATE KNOWN TO HAVE RECEIVED DIRECT SUPPORT FROM AN QUANG GROUP OR TRI QUANG.

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5. FOURTH IN RACE WAS NGUYEN LY TUONG WITH 33,578 VOTES OR 22.8 PERCENT. TUONG IS 27 YEARS OLD, A CATHOLIC, AND A NATIVE OF QUANG TRI. HE IS A TEACHER IN HUE AND AN RDV PARTY MEMBER. TUONG IS CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN OF "TRUONG TU ANH" SPECIAL SECTOR, THE RDV HUE UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION. TUONG WAS SUPPORTED BY BOTH CATHOLICS AND RD.

6. RUNNERS UP WERE VINH DUY, AN RDV WITH 29,309 VOTES AND DO THANH QUANG, VNQDD, WITH 27,932. RDV SHOWED UNEXPECTED STRENGTH IN THUA THIEN PLACING ALLFOUR CANDIDATES THEY SUPPORTED IN TOP FIVE PLACES. THREE WINNING CANDIDATES OF COURSE HAD SUPPORT FROM ONE OF TWO MAJOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS. OTHER TWO BUDDHIST CANDIDATES FINISHED 9TH AND 11TH.
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